

Listing of Claims

This Listing of Claims shall replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

- 1-18. (Cancelled).
19. (Currently Amended) An isolated polynucleotide molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide consisting essentially of the truncated ORF2 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19, wherein said polynucleotide molecule is integrated into the chromosome of a cell of the genus *Corynebacterium*.
20. (Original) The isolated polynucleotide molecule of claim 19 comprising a nucleotide sequence having the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 18.
21. (Cancelled)
22. (Previously Presented) A host cell comprising the isolated polynucleotide molecule of claim 19.
23. (Previously Presented) A host cell comprising a vector comprising an isolated polynucleotide molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 19, wherein said host cell is NRRL B30360.
24. (Currently Amended) A method for selecting a transformed host cell comprising:
- (a) transforming a *Corynebacterium* species host cell with a vector comprising a polynucleotide molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding the truncated ORF2 polypeptide consisting essentially of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19, wherein following transformation said polynucleotide molecule is integrated into the chromosome of said host cell, and

(b) selecting a transformed host cell.

25-32. (Cancelled).

33. (New) An isolated polynucleotide molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide consisting essentially of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19, wherein said polynucleotide molecule is integrated into the chromosome of a cell of the genus *Corynebacterium*.

34. (New) The isolated polynucleotide molecule of claim 19 comprising a nucleotide sequence having the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 18.

35. (New) A host cell comprising the isolated polynucleotide molecule of claim 19.

36. (New) A host cell comprising a vector comprising an isolated polynucleotide molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 19, wherein said host cell is NRRL B30360.

37. (New) A method for selecting a transformed host cell comprising:

(a) transforming a *Corynebacterium* species host cell with a vector comprising a polynucleotide molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide consisting essentially of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19, wherein following transformation said polynucleotide molecule is integrated into the chromosome of said host cell, and

(b) selecting a transformed host cell.